



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

January 12, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2026-46

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2026 VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (VSUCAT) IN IDENTIFIED
DEPED REGIONAL OFFICE VIII SCHOOLS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

} Division of Biliran
} Division of Borongan City
} Division of Catbalogan City
} Division of Leyte
} Division of Maasin City
} Division of Northern Samar
} Division of Southern Leyte
} Division of Tacloban City

All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), informs the Schools Division Offices about the Administration of the 2026 Visayas State University College Admission Test (VSUCAT) in the Identified DepEd Regional Office VIII Schools, as stipulated in the Memorandum of Agreement between DepEd Regional Office VIII and Visayas State University.
2. The School Heads of the identified testing centers shall prepare their respective schools on the date of the admission test specified in the following schedule:

Schedule of Examination	Testing Center / School	Division
February 15, 2026	Maasin City NHS	Maasin City
February 15, 2026	Sogod NHS	Southern Leyte
February 15, 2026	Dawahon IS	Leyte
February 21, 2026	Leyte NHS	Tacloban City
February 28, 2026	Kananga NHS	Leyte
March 7, 2026	Samar NS	Catbalogan City
March 8, 2026	Eastern Samar NCHS	Borongan City
March 14, 2026	Naval NHS	Biliran
TBA	Catarman NHS	TBA

3. Attached are the copies of the Memorandum of Agreement for further details and the schedule of the admission test.
4. The VSU will provide counterpart funds for the cost of electricity and will allocate daily funds for the on-site proctor(s) and other personnel to be used during the conduct of the hybrid VSUCAT.

5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

RONELO AL K. FIRMO CESO IV

Assistant Regional Director

Officer-in-Charge

Office of the Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

ADMISSION TEST
TESTING CENTERS
VSUCAT



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Follow-up for the Issuance of Memo re VSUCAT and Information Drive to Testing Centers

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Good day and a Bountiful New Year!

I would like to follow-up if a Regional Memo from DepEd 8 has been crafted and cascaded to the different Schools Division Offices of Region 8 regarding the conduct of VSU Information Drive to the different senior high schools in Eastern Visayas as well as the conduct of the 2026 VSU College Admission Test (VSUCAT) to the identified Testing Centers as stipulated in the MOA signed by DepEd 8 Regional Director and the VSU President. I would appreciate it very much if you could send me a softcopy of the said Memo for our file. Please see attached MOA.

Thanks and best regards,

Jesus Freddy M. Baldos
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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN THESE PRESENTS:

This **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)** entered into by and between:

The **VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU)**, an institution of higher learning established under Presidential Decree No. 470 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 700, and converted into a state university by virtue of Republic Act No. 9158, and renamed as Visayas State University by virtue of Republic Act No. 9437, with principal office at Baybay City, Leyte, duly represented by its President, **Dr PROSE IVY G. YEPES**, hereinafter referred to as "**FIRST PARTY**";

-and-

The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EASTERN VISAYAS (DepEd Region VIII)**, a government agency represented by its OIC-Regional Director, **Dr. Ronelo AI K. Firmo**, with principal address at Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte and hereinafter referred to as the "**SECOND PARTY**".

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, the FIRST PARTY is a higher education institution mandated to produce highly competent and world-class manpower in science and technology (S&T), especially for agriculture, environmental management and industries who are proficient in communication skills, critical thinking and analytical activities;

WHEREAS, the FIRST PARTY, through its Admissions Office, facilitates the operation of admissions activities of the University, conducts information campaigns, administers the VSU College Admission Test (VSUCAT) in various localities, and releases the results of the VSUCAT;

WHEREAS, the FIRST PARTY intends to bring its admission services and entrance examinations at the door-step of various senior high schools throughout Visayas areas;

WHEREAS, the SECOND PARTY is a government agency responsible in introducing the K to 12 basic education programs in all public and private schools that includes Senior High School;

WHEREAS, the SECOND PARTY has the direct mandate to oversee the operations of the Senior High Schools including its manpower, facilities, and equipment;

WHEREAS, both PARTIES have the common mandate of delivering quality education services to their clients;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual stipulation and conditions hereinafter contained, the PARTIES do hereby agree as follows:

1. The FIRST PARTY shall:

1.1. Coordinate with the school heads of different identified Senior High Schools in the provinces of Biliran, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Samar, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Baybay City, Borongan City, Calbayog City, Catbalogan

City, Maasin City, Ormoc City, and Tacloban City for the conduct of the annual VSU Information Drive in the months of August - December;

1.2. Coordinate with the School Heads of the identified Testing Centers prior to the conduct of the annual VSUCAT in the months of January to April:

- a. Leyte National High School, Tacloban City, Leyte
- b. Eastern Samar National Comprehensive High School, Borongan City, Eastern Samar
- c. Samar National School, San Francisco Street, Barangay 7, Catbalogan City, Samar
- d. Catarman National High School, Barangay Dalakit, Catarman, Northern Samar
- e. Naval National High School, Naval, Biliran
- f. Maasin City National High School, Government Center, Combado, Maasin City, Southern Leyte
- g. Sogod National High School, Sogod, Southern Leyte

1.3. Supervise and manage the conduct of the information drive and VSUCAT;

1.4. Provide counterpart funds of Php1,000 per day for the cost of electricity which will be used during the conduct of the hybrid VSUCAT based on BOR Resolution No. 27, s. 2025 charged to OSF 02 Admissions; and

1.5. Allocate funds of Php1,000 per day for the on-site Proctor/s and other personnel during the conduct of the hybrid VSUCAT based on BOR Resolution No. 27, s. 2025 charged to OSF 02 Admissions.

2. The SECOND PARTY shall:

2.1. Allow the conduct of the hybrid VSUCAT to the Senior High School Learners of DepEd Region VIII;

2.2. Issue DepEd Regional Memorandum Order to the Schools Division Offices regarding the conduct of information drive to various Senior High Schools in Region VIII and the conduct of the hybrid VSUCAT to the identified Testing Centers;

2.3. Allow the FIRST PARTY to use the school premises, with proper coordination with school heads and consent of the Schools Division Superintendent for the purpose of conducting the hybrid VSUCAT for Senior High School Learners; and

2.4. Give authority, through the Schools Division Superintendent, to School Heads to enter into an agreement with the FIRST PARTY in terms of the use of school facilities and equipment and assignment of Proctors in the conduct of the VSUCAT.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Parties shall as often as possible mutually consult with each other with respect to the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement. The Parties shall exert their best efforts to properly resolve any differences or disagreements with respect to any dispute that may arise in connection with this Agreement. However, if such disagreement or differences persist despite efforts of the Parties to settle the

same, it is mutually agreed upon that the dispute shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004".

VENUE OF ACTION

Any legal action arising or in connection to this Agreement shall be filed exclusively in the courts of Baybay City and/or Tacloban City to the exclusion of all other courts.

EFFECTIVITY AND CONTINUITY CLAUSE

This AGREEMENT shall take effect upon signing by both PARTIES and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and renewable every five (5) years. The VSU and the DepEd Region VIII shall submit their intention for renewal of this agreement through formal notice within thirty (30) days before the expiration of this Agreement.

Both PARTIES reserve their rights to terminate their participation in the agreement through formal written notice within thirty (30) days before the effectivity of the termination. Termination shall be subject to the mutual agreement between the PARTIES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES thereto, by their duly authorized representatives, have executed this Agreement this 10 day of July 2025.

VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY



By:

PROSE IVY G. YEPES

University President

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EASTERN VISAYAS**



RONEL AL K. FIRMO
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Signed in the presence of
Witnesses



JOSEPH E. PADILLA
University Admissions Officer



GERTRUDES C. MABUTIN
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BEFORE ME, personally appeared the following:

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RONELO AL K. FIRMO	0546783	PRC, Tacloban City

known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed and that of the agencies represented.

This instrument consisting of four (4) pages including this Acknowledgment has been signed on each and every page by the parties and their instrumental witnesses.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 10 DEC 2025 day of _____ 2025 in Baybay City, Leyte.

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VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TEST (VSUCAT)

1. This is to inform you that the following high schools in Eastern Visayas have been identified as testing centers for the conduct of the Visayas State University College Admissions Test (VSUCAT) for School Year 2026-2027 with corresponding schedules of exams:
 - a) **Southern Leyte**
 - i) Maasin City National High School
Combado, Maasin City
- February 15, 2026
 - ii) Sogod National High School
Sogod, So. Leyte
- February 15, 2026
 - b) **Leyte**
 - i) Dawahon Integrated School, Bato, Leyte
- February 15, 2026
 - ii) Leyte National High School, Tacloban City
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 - iii) Kananga National High School, Kananga, Leyte- February 28, 2026
 - c) **Samar**
 - i) Samar National School, Catbalogan City
- March 7, 2026
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- March 14, 2026
 - f) **Northern Samar**
 - i) Catarman National High School
Barangay Dalakit, Catarman, Northern Samar
- No Final Date Yet
2. The 2026 VSU College Admissions Portal where you can submit your online application and upload required credentials is open starting December 22, 2025 until January 31, 2026.
3. Interested Senior High School learners may check their FB page: **Visayas State University Admissions Office** for detailed information.
4. You may also contact **Mr. Jesus Freddy M. Baldos**, VSU Admissions Office at 053-565- 0600 local 1007.
5. Kindly find attached copy of the MOA entered into by VSU and DepEd ROVIII.
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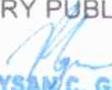
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